SENATE . . . . No. 73

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:
Bruce E. Tarr

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General
Court assembled:*
The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to positive discipline.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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Viriato Manuel deMacedo	1st Plymouth

AN ACT RELATIVE TO POSITIVE DISCIPLINE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1   **SECTION 1.** Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after

2   Section 24L the following new section:-

3   "SECTION 24M. Positive Discipline

4   Section 24M. The Department of Public Health shall collaborate with the Massachusetts

5   Children's Trust fund, the Department of Education, the Department of Early Education and

6   Care, and the Department of Children and Families to develop and implement a comprehensive,

7   state-wide public awareness campaign to expand the knowledge of parents, caregivers, and the

8   general public on the advantages associated with use of positive parenting techniques to

9   discipline children. For the purposes of this section, positive discipline is a non-violent, solution-

10   focused approach to discipline that includes but is not limited to: clear communication of

11   expectation, rules, and limits; building a mutually respectful relationship with the child; teaching

12   the child life-long skills; and developing long-term solutions that develop the child's own self-

13   discipline.

14   Said campaign shall include, but is not limited to, the distribution to parents or guardians

15   of a newborn, by the time of discharge from a hospital or birth center, of materials to be

16   developed by the department of public health describing positive discipline benefits and

17   strategies."